

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:19-cv-00082-MR-WCM**

DELTA WALSH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FORREST GILLIAM, et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the following documents filed by the *pro se* Plaintiff:

- (1) Plaintiff's Motion in Opposition to Defendants Forrest Gilliam, *et al.*'s Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint [Doc. 33];
- (2) Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Opposition [Doc. 33-1];
- (3) Plaintiff's Motion in Opposition to Defendant Dewain Mackey's Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint [Doc. 34];
- (4) Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion in Opposition [Doc. 34-1];

- (5) Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss the Defendants' Reply [Doc. 37]; and
- (6) Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss Defendant Dewain Mackey's Reply [Doc. 38].

The Defendants in this matter have filed motions seeking the dismissal of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint pursuant to Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. [Doc. 20; Doc. 23, as amended by Doc. 24]. In response to each Motion to Dismiss, the Plaintiff has filed a "Motion in Opposition" along with a "Memorandum of Law" in support thereof. The Plaintiff's Memorandum in response to Defendant Mackey's Motion is 27 pages long. [Doc. 31-1]. The Plaintiff's Memorandum in response to the other Defendants' Motion is 75 pages in length. [Doc. 33-1]. In addition, the Plaintiff has filed "Motions to Dismiss" each of the Defendants' reply briefs. [Docs. 37, 38].

The Plaintiff is not entitled to seek dismissal of every pleading filed by the Defendants. When a motion to dismiss is filed pursuant to Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, she is permitted to file only a response. When a defendant files a reply to her response, the Plaintiff is not entitled to file a surreply unless the Court expressly permits it. See LCvR 7.1(e). Accordingly, the Plaintiff's "Motions in Opposition" [Docs. 33, 34, 37, 38] to the Defendants' filings are improper and will be stricken.

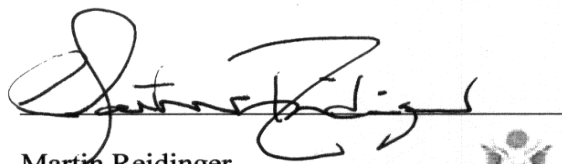
Further, the memoranda of law submitted in opposition to the Defendants' motions to dismiss [Docs. 33-1, 34-1] exceed the 25-page limit established by the Local Rules of this Court. See LCvR 7.1(d). Accordingly, these memoranda will be stricken. The Court will allow the Plaintiff thirty (30) days to file responses to the Defendants' motions to dismiss which comply with this Court's Local Rules.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff's "Motions in Opposition" and memoranda in support [Docs. 33, 33-1, 34, 34-1, 37, 38] filed in opposition to the Defendants' filings are hereby **STRICKEN**. The Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days from the entry of this Order within which to file amended responses, not to exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length each, to the Defendants' motions to dismiss. The Plaintiff is hereby **advised** that any future pleadings which fail to comply with this Order and the Local Rules of this Court will be summarily stricken.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants shall have fourteen (14) days from the filing of the Plaintiff's amended responses to file replies thereto.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 28, 2019


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

